



5 January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

As you will now know the Government has introduced a new lockdown period to control the spread of the Coronavirus. Unfortunately this includes the partial closure of all schools in an attempt to reduce our contacts as much as possible to prevent the spread of the more transmissible new variant virus. As of today Lord Grey Academy is closed to all students except those who are vulnerable and those who are the children of key workers. The main messages from the announcement are as follows:

Remote learning

Remote learning will be in place for all year groups until February half term. If you have any questions about remote learning please email Mrs Satyanadhan samantha.satyanadhan@lordgrey.org.uk. Mrs Satyanadhan will keep you informed of home learning developments during this term.

Exams

Alternative arrangements will be explored for exams by the government. We will send updates out as soon as we have more information on this. The announcement yesterday did not indicate that all exams were going to be scrapped entirely so it is important that Year 11 and Year 13 continue to engage fully in home learning. We believe that the external exams that are being taken by some students in the sixth form over the next few weeks will take place as planned. The sixth form team will communicate directly with those students concerned.

Covid testing

We were about to launch our mass Covid testing programme but this will now be scaled back so that we offer testing to the small number of staff and students who are attending on site. We will be ready to offer mass testing when students begin to return. More information about testing will be provided before any testing takes place.

Positive Covid results

If your child has a positive Covid test result please inform the school by emailing enquiries@lordgrey.org.uk.

Free School Meals

Families entitled for Free School Meals will receive support and we expect to have details on this in the next few days.

Parents evenings

We had already planned to move parents evenings to an online system this year and we will continue with these plans. We have decided to postpone the Year 11 parents evening that was scheduled for this Thursday to give us a bit more time to understand what the exam arrangements will look like.

Contacting the school

Please email enquiries@lordgrey.org.uk rather than phone the school switchboard as this will not be fully staffed. That way we will be able to direct any query you may have to the correct person. Please include your child's name and tutor group, as well as a contact telephone number for yourself in the email.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support at this time.

Yours sincerely

Jim Parker
Principal

